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## Rowton profits rise to record $£ 1.16 \mathrm{~m}$



Greencoat's hopes rise on French court successes


## Results due next week



## UMMARY OF THE WEEK＇S COMPANY NEWS




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wished．World marhets have shown little sign oi lecovery during $19 \bar{i} 3$ and more intense competition has been felt from ：he increased world valve manu－
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## THE WAY AHEAD

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the strength of sterling makes orders even more difficult to obtain．However， 1 am pleased to report that Group Companies have，since the start of the year，already
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